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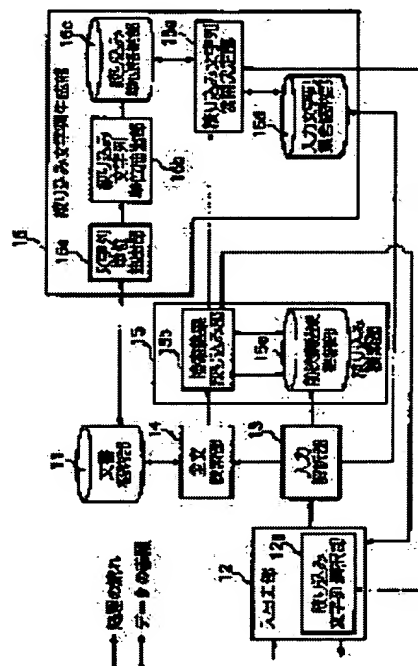
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WATANABE KAZUNARI**(54) METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL AND RECORDING MEDIUM WHERE DOCUMENT RETRIEVING PROGRAM IS RECORDED****(57)Abstract:**

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To lighten the load of keyword input for narrowing down retrieval results of document retrieval.

SOLUTION: When a user inputs a key word through an input/output part 12, an input analysis part 13 generates a retrieval expression represented as the logical expression of the key word. A full-text retrieval part 14 performs full-text retrieval as to documents stored in a document storage part 11 according to the retrieval expression. A narrowing-down character string generation part 16 generates a character string which includes the key word inputted by the user and is longer than the key word and easy to remind the user of the contents of a document from a document included in the generated retrieval result. A narrowing-down character string selection part 12a presents the generated character string to the user so that the user can select the presented character string. A narrowing-down retrieval part 15 retrieves a document including the character string selected by the user from a document set included in the last retrieval result used when a narrowing-down character string is generated.

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